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 TOLERANCE OF PLANTS TO STRESS CONDITIONS  
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**STATUS INQUIRY**

Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed on April 9, 2004. On October 7, 2005, Applicants filed a Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Submission Under 35 U.S.C. § 371. To date, however, Applicants have not received a Notification of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and 37 CFR 1.495 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) ("the Notification of Acceptance").

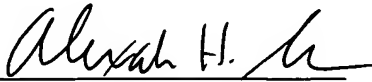
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") inform the undersigned representative as to when the Notification of Acceptance from the USPTO will be received.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing. However, in the event that any fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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